

NEED TO IMPROVE PATIENT SAFETY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging concluded a hearing to examine the need to improve patient safety and reduce preventable deaths, after receiving testimony from John T. James, Patient Safety America, Houston, Texas; Ashish K. Jha, Harvard School of Public Health, and Tejal K. Gandhi, Harvard Medical School, both of Boston, Massachusetts; Peter Pronovost, Johns Hopkins Medicine Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality, Baltimore, Maryland; Joanne Disch, University of Minnesota School of Nursing, Minneapolis; and Lisa McGiffert, Consumers Union, Austin, Texas.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Pamela Harris, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Pamela Pepper, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Brenda K. Sannes, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, and Patricia M. McCarthy, of Maryland, and Jeri Kaylene Somers, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 5129–5157; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 108; and H. Res. 673–675 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 645, requesting that the President of the United States transmit to the House of Representatives copies of any emails in the possession of the Executive Office of the President that were transmitted to or from the email account(s) of former Internal Revenue Service Exempt Organizations Division Director Lois Lerner between January 2009 and April 2011; Adversely (H. Rept. 113–524);

H. Res. 647, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of any emails in the possession of the Department that were transmitted to or from the email account(s) of former Internal Revenue Service Exempt Organizations Division Director Lois Lerner between January 2009 and April 2011; Adversely (Rept. 113–525);

H.R. 3393, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to consolidate certain tax benefits for educational expenses, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–526);

H.R. 4935, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make improvements to the child tax credit, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–527);

H.R. 3202, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a comprehensive security assessment of the transportation security card program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–528);

H.R. 3136, to establish a demonstration program for competency-based education, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–529);

H.R. 4983, to simplify and streamline the information regarding institutions of higher education made publicly available by the Secretary of Education, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–530);

H.R. 4984, to amend the loan counseling requirements under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–531);

H.R. 3716, to ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–532);

H.R. 4283, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–533);

H.R. 4508, to amend the East Bench Irrigation District Water Contract Extension Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior to extend the contract for certain water services (H. Rept. 113–534);

H.R. 4527, to remove a use restriction on land formerly a part of Acadia National Park that was

transferred to the town of Tremont, Maine, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–535);

H.R. 4562, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska (H. Rept. 113–536);

H.R. 4315, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–537);

H.R. 4316, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to improve the disclosure of certain expenditures under that Act, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–538);

H.R. 4317, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require disclosure to States of the basis of determinations under such Act, to ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking under such Act, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–539); and

H.R. 4318, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to conform citizen suits under that Act with other existing law, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–540, Pt. 1).

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Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Gallego motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3230 by a yea-and-nay vote of 201 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 430. The motion was debated yesterday, July 16th.

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Fighting Hunger Incentive Act of 2014: The House passed H.R. 4719, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory, by a yea-and-nay vote of 277 yeas to 130 nays, Roll No. 432.

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Rejected the Van Hollen motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 185 yeas to 227 nays, Roll No. 431.

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Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–51 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill.

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H. Res. 670, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 230 yeas to 183 noes, Roll No. 429, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 428.

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Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House debated the Barber motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3230. Further proceedings were postponed.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. tomorrow, July 18th; and when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday, July 22nd at 12 noon for Morning Hour Debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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Providing for the correction of the enrollment of H.R. 5021: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Con. Res. 108, to provide for the correction of the enrollment of H.R. 5021.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H6364 and H6396.

Senate Referral: S. 2244 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6362–63, H6363, H6364, H6377–78 and H6378. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RUSSIAN VIOLATIONS OF THE INF TREATY: AFTER DETECTION—WHAT?

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “Russian Violations of the INF Treaty: After detection—what?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE PRESIDENT’S FUNDING REQUEST FOR OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The President’s Funding Request for Overseas Contingency Operations”. Testimony was heard from Heather Higginbottom, Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, Department of State; Robert O. Work, Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense; and Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense.

21ST CENTURY TECHNOLOGY FOR 21ST CENTURY CURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology; and Subcommittee on Health held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled “21st Century Technology for 21st Century Cures”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.